

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 13, 2007 MINUTES

On Tuesday, March 13, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:17 AM with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl and Jim Hart present.

Jim Hart moved to approve the March 6, 2007, minutes with corrections. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Jill Steeley, Brandy Hilton, Vicki Tilstra, Shelly Burke, Nick Gevock, Frank Ford, Sheri Jarvis, Karen McMullen, Shylea Wingard, Les Brown, Larry Anderson, Betty Novich, Wanda Munson, Russell Munson, Nathan Tebay, and Chris Mumme.

Employee Wellness Program: Jill Steeley, Public Health Administrator, presented the Board with a proposal to initiate an employee wellness program in Madison County. Jill stated that goals for a wellness program are to improve employee morale, decrease absenteeism rates, and help contain health insurance costs and Worker's Compensation claims. Jill outlined two different plans that would achieve these goals. Both plans would offer incentives to employees who fulfill the obligations of the program. Jill will present this program to employees at the next staff meeting.

Remove Mobile Home From Tax Rolls: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss removal of taxes on a mobile home that was destroyed in a fire. Lewis Stahl moved to request the Treasurer to permanently delete Tax Parcel ID #904001200 as per 15-16-701 MCA, because the personal property is no longer in Madison County. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Delinquent Property: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss a piece of property that is delinquent in taxes. The owner of record is stating that the property does not belong to his company. Shelly has asked that he quit claim the property to Madison County. He stated that because he does not own the property he has no authority to sign a quit claim deed. Shelly will wait until the required time period has lapsed for the County to take tax deed on the property.

RID Payments: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeper, and Brandy Hilton, Department of Revenue, met with the Board to discuss RID payments that need to be adjusted before the new RID software is installed on the County computer system. Shelly will prepare a list of names and amounts that need to be adjusted.

Day After Thanksgiving Off: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, stated that most people would like to have the day after Thanksgiving off and requested that the Board consider the possibility of switching the Columbus Day Holiday with the day after Thanksgiving. The Board will check the legality of switching these two holidays.

Chris Mumme, CCC Funding, SOP for Fire Billing, and Risk Mitigation Contract: These agenda items were continued to Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 11:00 AM.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Airports: The Board discussed the status of the plow truck for the Ennis Airport.

Gas Tax Maps: David Schulz explained the process for reviewing gas tax maps. Each Commissioner will review the maps for his district and make any necessary corrections.

First Aide and/or CPR Classes: The Board discussed the need to have road crew members certified for First Aid and/or CPR. Laurie will make arrangements for classes.

Wind Energy Project: Les Brown, Madison Valley Renewable Energy, Shylea Wingard, Project Liaison, and Karen McMullen, Legal Representative, met with the Board to discuss a wind energy project near Norris that his company is proposing. Nick Gevock, Montana Standard, Frank Ford, and Sheri Jarvis were also present for this portion of the meeting. Les discussed the background of himself, his partners, and company, and outlined the plans for the wind energy project. Les stated that he currently has property leased for the project and that moving forward would create jobs and tax revenue for Madison County. Karen McMullen requested a waiver of Ordinance 1-2003, an Ordinance establishing a permitting process for Wireless Communication Facilities, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, and other tall structures in Madison County. Karen will submit a written request to the Board.

Building Project (Law & Justice Center): The Board discussed the proposed Law and Justice Center. Sheri Jarvis was present for this portion of the meeting. Sheri offered her services and gave the Board an outline of a proposed strategy to educate the residents of Madison County to build a better understanding of the project. Sheri also submitted a summary of qualifications for the Board's consideration. The Board scheduled a work session to discuss the Law and Justice Center for Monday, March 19, 2007, at 10:00 AM.

Representative from Denny Rehberg's Office: Larry Anderson, Field Representative for Denny Rehberg, met with the Board to discuss issues pertinent to Madison County. Items discussed were Secure Rural Schools funding reauthorization, the Partnership Strategy in relation to Wilderness Areas in Madison County, water and sewer upgrades to towns in Madison County, and water and sewer issues for the Madison County Fairgrounds. Larry stated that Denny would be interested in attending events in Madison County if he were notified.

Public Discussion: Betty Novich, Wanda Munson, Russell Munson, and Nathan Tebay met with the Board to discuss work that Nathan Tebay performed to clean out blockage in the South Boulder River near Cardwell. Nathan showed pictures and explained the work he had done. The Munson's requested that a portion of the bill be paid by Madison County. The Board will consider the request.

With no further business this portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2007:

CCC Funding: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss funding for the Citizens Corp Council, a branch of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The CCC has offered Citizens Emergency Response Training to Madison County residents and would like to offer additional classes in the Twin Bridges and Sheridan areas but their funding is depleted. Chris asked that the Board authorize up to \$1000 for this training. Lewis Stahl moved to authorize funding for the CCC to conduct CERT classes for an amount not to exceed \$1000 for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007, from the Commissioners' Contingency Fund. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

SOP for Fire Billing: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss developing a Standard Operating Procedure for fire billing. Chris will prepare a draft Interlocal Agreement for agencies involved with fire costs.

Risk Mitigation Coordinator Contract: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with a renewal of the Professional Services Contract for the Madison County Risk Mitigation Coordinator. Chris has amended the compensation portion of the contract to include consulting fees to fire departments involved in subdivision reviews.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: March 20, 2007

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